WHEREAS, These United States of America were first declared as independent of all outside rule on the fourth day of July, 1776 upon the signing of the "Declaration of Independence" by the Original Thirteen Colonies; and,

WHEREAS, These Thirteen Colonies have grown through the years to number Fifty States and have been protected by the "Unified" strength and "Great Tradition" of our Armed Forces; and,

WHEREAS, Our great Nation bestows the "Congressional Medal of Honor" upon the "Bravest of our Brave":

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD F. KNEIP, GOVERNOR OF SOUTH DAKOTA, do hereby proclaim the 24th day of June, 1973, as

CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL OF HONOR DAY

and

UNITY DAY

in South Dakota and urge all citizens to express unity by joining in one minute of silent meditation at 2:00 P.M. EST with the Fort Wadsworth Committee for a "Living National Park Memorial" holding an interfaith ceremony at Fort Wadsworth, Staten Island, New York.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this 18th day of April, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Seventy-three.

Richard F. Kneip

RICHARD F. KNEIP, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Lorna B. Herseth

LORNA B. HERSETH, SECRETARY OF STATE